

**Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting
of Shellharbour City Council held in the Ground Floor Training Room
on Wednesday, 11 February 2026 commencing at 4:00 PM**

Attendance

Present:

Mayor Chris Homer(Chair)	Councillor
Cr Lou Stefanovski	Councillor
Aunty Lindy Lawler	Community Representative
Jodi Edwards	Community Representative
Anne-Maree Fohrman	Community Representative
Suzanne Clapham	Community Representative

In Attendance:

Kate Jessep	Executive Director Community and Culture
Bonnie Hittmann	Executive Manager Community and Creative Services (Acting)
Lauren Peters	Team Leader Community Planning
Rylee Goodman	Governance Manager (Acting)
Allison Bonaz	Corporate Meetings Officer (Minute Taker)

1 Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Dharawal Country and recognise their continued connection to the land we meet on today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region and extend our recognition to their descendants who continue to live on country.

2 Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor Kellie Marsh, Councillor Robert Petreski and Community Representative, Uncle Richard Davis.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Committee Recommendation: Cr Stefanovski / Aunty Lindy Lawler

That the minutes from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meetings held on 3 December 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

4 Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5 Presentations

Nil

6 Reports

The Chair asked that Items 6.1 to 6.5 be received and noted en bloc.

Committee Recommendation: Suzi Clapham / Jodi Edwards

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note Items 6.1 to 6.5.

CARRIED

6.1 Aboriginal Employment Update (Standing Item)

6.2 Aboriginal Interpretive Centre Update (Standing Item)

6.3 Shellharbour City Centre State Led Rezoning - Aboriginal Stakeholder Engagement Workshop

ACTION: Council to communicate with the NSW Planning Department the need to provide earlier notice to community of workshops and consultation events and to provide clearer information about their purpose, objectives, and what will be discussed or decided.

6.4 Shellharbour NAIDOC Community Day Update

6.5 Bass Point Tourist Road Improvements – Aboriginal Site Officer

6.6 Proposed Change to Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Day

Committee Recommendation: Jodi Edwards / Anne-Maree Fohrman

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee support to change the meeting day to Thursday afternoons.

CARRIED

7 General Business

Community Representative, Suzi Clapham asked if Council could include the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group in workshops and information via email. Suzi will provide the email address of the secretary of the group.

8 Next Meeting

Thursday, 23 April 2026 at 4pm.

Meeting Closed: 4:25pm